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Sexual predator stalks Park Slope

- Cops add March sex attack to eight others in neighborhood within past 7 months
- Search for one or more suspects targeting women walking alone at night {page 02}

Subway war. Ad conflict

▶ Blogger Pamela Geller says she'll sue the MTA if they don't run her ad, at right, which she submitted in response to the ad at left, up now in the subway system. {page 04}

Going Out

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Park51 community center opens doors

Hundreds of New Yorkers rushed through the open doors of Park51 yesterday evening for what was for many a first-time glimpse of the inside of what has come to be New York City's most famous — and controversial — mosque.

Sharif El-Gamal, the developer of the community center and mosque, spoke at the event. "We have been framed in a certain way, and today is the first day Park51 can show what it will offer New York," he said, adding he hoped the center will be "a place that will bring a wounded community together."

Park51 is housed in what used to be a Burlington Coat Factory store, which was damaged in the 9/11 attacks. Critics blast the mosque for its proximity to Ground Zero; an NYPD officer stood watch outside the center last night, although no protesters showed up.

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Sharif El-Gamal

The mosque portion of Park51 has been open for religious worship for a year, but last night was the first time the community center opened its doors to the public.

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Pervert terrorizes Park Slope women

- Most recent attack Sept. 8
- Police looking for one or more suspects
- Women followed on way home
- Many enroll in self-defense classes

The count is now up to nine.

A man has been targeting women in Park Slope and Sunset Park, dragging them by their necks to the sidewalk and sexually assaulting them. The most recent attack was Sept. 8, when the suspect attacked a 26-year-old woman walking home on 12th Street.

On Tuesday, police released a video of a "person of interest," a man seen walking down an empty street. The video was taken Sept. 4, the same day the suspect attacked a 24-year-old woman looking for her keys.

Police also added a March attack on 16th Street to the criminal's crime pattern — meaning the man has been preying on women for at least seven months. He often strikes in the early morning hours and seems to target women walking alone on their way home from the subway.

The NYPD papered subway stops and light poles in Park Slope and Sunset Park with three separate sketches, and an NYPD spokeswoman said it could be one or multiple suspects. The description is of a Hispanic man, about 28.

In response to the assaults, Councilwoman Sara Gonzalez, who represents that part of Brooklyn, organized free self-defense classes. And neighborhood groups have formed patrols to escort women walking home alone — Safe Slope created a Safe Walk program, and Brooklyn Bike Patrol offers a two-wheeled escort.

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Fighting back

Some gyms are offering free self-defense classes.

- More than 60 women showed up for one class, a Gonzalez spokesman said.
- At the Center for Anti-Violence Education in South Slope, a total of 81 women signed up for three classes.

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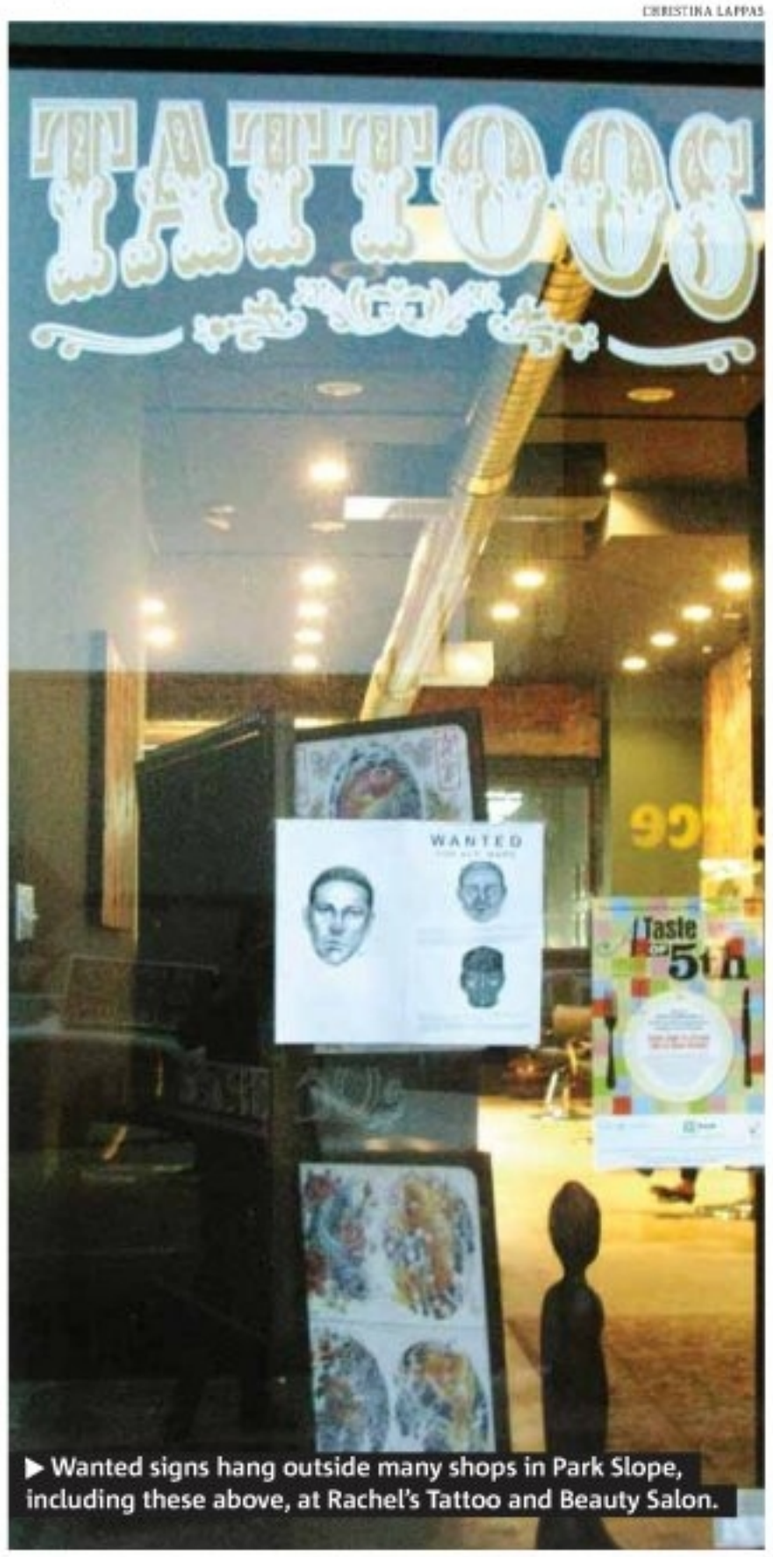

▶ Wanted signs hang outside many shops in Park Slope, including these above, at Rachel's Tattoo and Beauty Salon.

▶ He wears it well.

Bloomie only NY's second richest

NEW YORK. For the second year in a row, Mayor Michael Bloomberg was topped in a list of wealthiest New Yorkers. Businessman David Koch took the title of richest New Yorker, with a fortune of $25 billion. But do not weep for Bloomberg — he came in at No. 2, with $19.5 billion. METRO/AB

Cop says he cheated, did not rape

INWOOD. An off-duty cop accused of rape said he was just "cheating" on his fiancee, but did not rape anyone. The New York Post reports that Michael Pena told a sergeant moments after he was arrested that he was cheating on his girlfriend. Pena, 27, is charged with raping a 25-year-old teacher, who was on her way to work, in Inwood. METRO/AB

In the news

Young boy saves his mom's life

A quick-thinking 7-year-old Brooklyn boy saved his mother's life yesterday. A third grader at PS 13 was getting ready to leave for school when his mother had a seizure. He called 911, telling them his mother was shaking and EMTs arrived.

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Blogger prepares for MTA holy war

Subway ads about Israel compete for straphangers' attention ◗ Conservative Upper West Side blogger threatens to sue MTA if they don't run her posters

"We don't support terrorists. If she's calling terrorism savagery, then I would agree with that, but I would not call the Palestinian people savages."
ROZ ROTHSTEIN OF PRO-ISRAEL GROUP STAND WITH US

Conservative blogger Pamela Geller has made a preemptive strike against the MTA. Geller, an Upper West Side resident, submitted a subway ad last week to the MTA in which she calls people opposed to Israel "savages."

Her lawyers sent the MTA a warning yesterday: If they don't approve the ad by Friday, she'll sue the transit authority for denying her First Amendment rights. "There's nothing in the ad that is inaccurate or controversial," Geller maintains.

Her ads are a response to a current ad campaign

up in 18 subway stations that calls for the end of U.S. military aid to Israel.

"These aren't anti-Israel or pro-Palestinian. They're pro-peace ads," said Mark Johnson, director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, one of the groups that paid for the present ads. While he said he welcomed a conversation about U.S. military aid to Israel, he dismissed Geller's rebuttal as "hate speech."

On Sept. 26, Johnson's ads will expire and another organization, Stand With Us, has paid to replace them with pro-Israel ads.

"We are not going to stand back and let people lie about Israel," said Roz Rothstein, CEO of Stand With Us.

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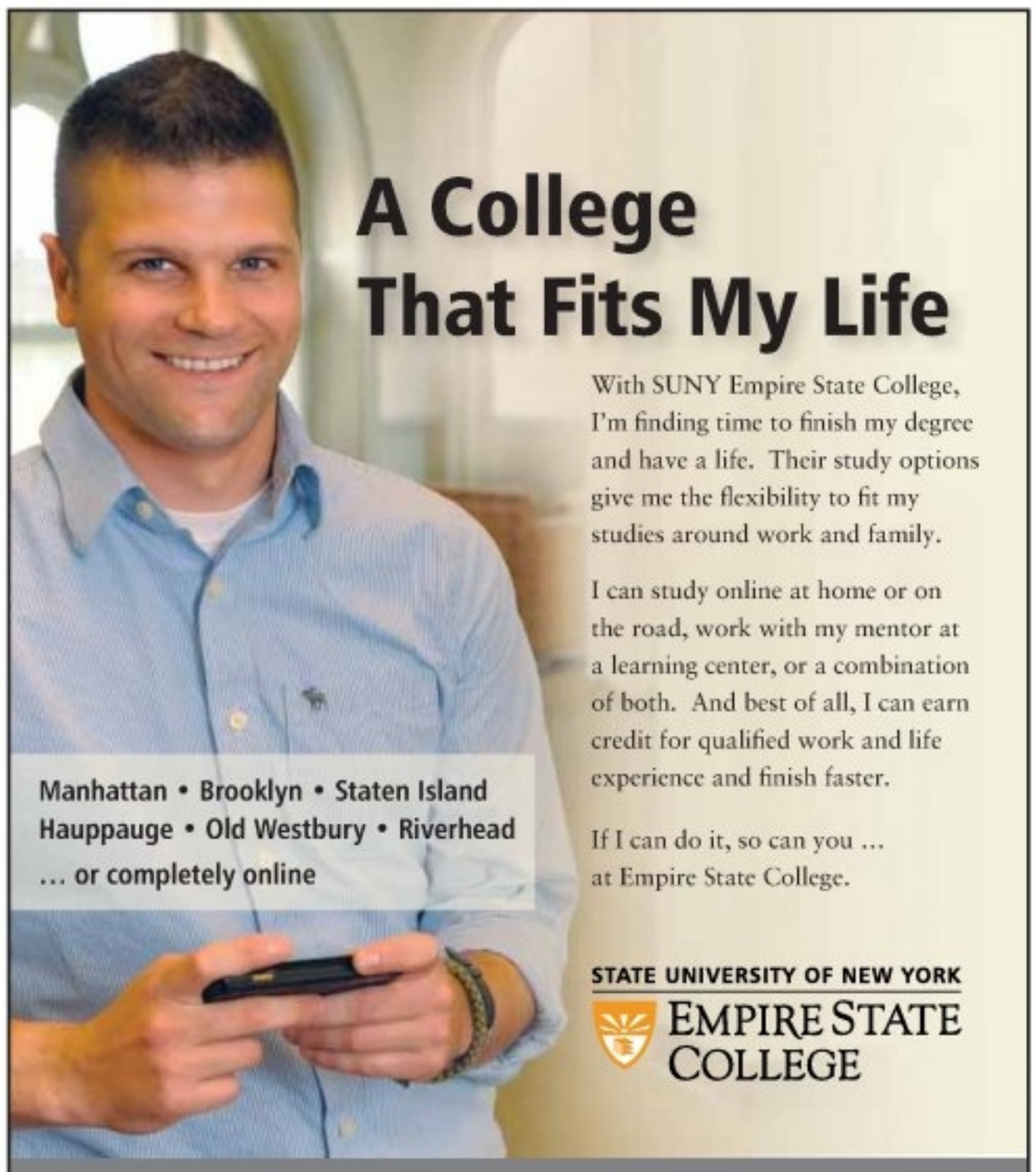

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Memorial. Memories

▶ Emergency responder Eddie Reyes mourns his fallen colleagues at the 9/11 memorial.

Grieving for those who are gone

Eddie Reyes, a member of Truck 8 with the New York Police Department's Emergency Services Unit, runs his hand across the engraved names of fellow first responders who died on Sept. 11. A group of first responders were invited into the National September 11 Memorial & Museum this Tuesday, to view the names of those killed in the attacks. METRO/EAE

Rikers guard in jailhouse tryst

Female guard, 30, caught allegedly sleeping with male inmate Joins a long list of love affairs at Rikers

There must be something sexy about men behind bars. Once again, a female guard at Rikers Island has been busted for having sex with a male prisoner.

Department of Corrections guard Andrea Buchanan, 30, was arrested Tuesday night and charged with sexual misconduct, forcible touching and official misconduct after she was caught allegedly sleeping with an inmate at the jail.

Buchanan had been working at New York City's maximum correctional facility for six years. She was suspended from work pending the criminal investigation and will no longer receive paychecks from the $76,488-a-year job.

The city Department of Investigations conducted the investigation into Buchanan after officials at Rikers first received a report of the alleged affair in August.

"Inappropriate contact with an inmate jeopardizes [guards'] career and exposes them to arrest," said Rose Gill Hearn, commissioner at the Department of Investigation.

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It's nothing new

Buchanan is hardly the first guard to be allegedly tempted by Rikers inmates.

- Since 2007, at least six female guards at Rikers have been fired for getting too friendly with criminals, according to the New York Post.
- Earlier this year, former Rikers guard Yolanda Dickinson published a book called "Taboo," where she claimed the prison is full of lonely single women surrounded by buff guys trying to win their hearts.

Century 21 on UWS

UPPER WEST SIDE. The Upper West Side just got a little more fashionable. The new Century 21 department store opened yesterday on Broadway at 66th Street by Lincoln Center. Century 21 replaces the four-story, 61,000-square-foot shuttered Barnes & Noble that formerly stood at that location. For store hours and details, go to www.c21stores.com. METRO

Protester in disguise

LOWER MANHATTAN. One of the hundreds protesting the "Ground Zero mosque" last year was actually an undercover New York City police officer, it was revealed in the Daily News yesterday. The undercover cop received a summons, which was later dropped, because he did not show another police officer his badge at a Sept. 11, 2010, protest against the mosque. METRO/AB

Mom takes kids back

FOREST HILLS. Eight children were abducted by their mother Monday afternoon after she visited them at a Queens foster facility. The kids, ranging in age from 11 months to 11 years, were allegedly taken by mother Shanel Nadal, who said she couldn't bear to live without them. Arrest warrants have been issued for both Nadal and father Nephra Payne. METRO/AB

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▶ Party safe, people.

NYPD warns of club terror

NEW YORK. The NYPD apparently doesn't think any place in the city is safe from terrorism, even a thumping nightclub.

After clubs were bombed overseas in recent years, from London to Bali, the NYPD is concerned that a suicide bomber might try to do the same in a Manhattan bar.

The police department issued its "Best Practices for Nightlife Establishments" this week and warned bar owners to be prepared. The guide encourages owners to have a terrorism emergency plan in place. Police even suggested that bartenders and bouncers be on the lookout for possible suicide bombers, who may be concealing their hands or look nervous. METRO/AB

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Obama in effort to derail Palestinian UN statehood bid

President Barack Obama, trying to avert a clash over Palestinian statehood, told the United Nations yesterday there was no substitute for Israeli-Palestinian negotiations or any short cut to peace.

With U.S. credibility and influence in the Middle East at stake, Obama wants to dissuade the Palestinians from asking the U.N. Security Council for statehood in the teeth of Israeli anger and a U.S. threat to use its veto if it came to a vote.

But a senior Palestinian official, Nabil Shaath, said, "We will cordially and respectfully tell him 'no.'"

The Palestinians, however, would give the Security Council "some time" to mull the statehood claim before they took it to the U.N. General Assembly, he told a news conference.

Flag-waving Palestinians filled the squares of West Bank cities to rally behind the initiative at the United Nations.

A year after telling the General Assembly he hoped to see a Palestinian state born by now, the U.S. president said creating such a state alongside Israel remained his goal.

"But the question isn't the goal we seek — the question is how to reach it. And I am convinced that there is no short cut to the end of a conflict that has endured for decades," he said. REUTERS

Quoted

"Ultimately, it is Israelis and Palestinians — not us — who must reach agreement on the issues that divide them: on borders and security; on refugees and Jerusalem."
OBAMA

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Forbes. Rich list

▶ Coming in at No. 7, Soros had a fortune of $22 billion after adding $7.8 billion to his net worth.

Soros one of the richest

Investor George Soros, at 81, has for the first time made the list of the 10 wealthiest Americans, Forbes Magazine reported yesterday in the 2011 edition of its annual rich list. Bill Gates again topped the list with a net worth of $59 billion, up $5 billion. REUTERS

Iran finally frees two US hikers

Iran yesterday freed two U.S. men it jailed for more than two years on espionage charges after $500,000 bail for each was paid by Oman.

U.S. President Barack Obama said he was "thrilled" that Iran had released them.

"I welcome the release of Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal from detention in Iran and am very pleased that they are being reunited with their loved ones," he said. REUTERS

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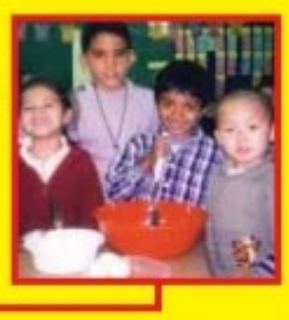
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Ratings firm downgrades three banks

Moody's Corp. cut the debt ratings of Bank of America, Wells Fargo and Citigroup yesterday, saying the U.S. government is getting less comfortable with bailing out large troubled lenders.

The government is "more likely now than during the financial crisis to allow a large bank to fail should it become financially troubled," the ratings agency said.

Moody's decision hit Bank of America hardest as it cut both the long-term and short-term debt of the holding company and long-term deposits at its lead bank. The ratings agency cut only the short-term debt of Citigroup and limited the Wells' cut to its senior debt and to deposits at its lead bank.

Bank of America, the second-largest U.S. bank company, is struggling with billions of dollars of mortgage losses, litigation and stresses from the need to raise capital to meet new regulatory obligations. REUTERS

Chain reaction?

The risk of contagion from one failing bank to other banks has "become less acute," Moody's noted, adding the Dodd-Frank financial reform law of 2010 has reduced the ties between financial institutions.

By the numbers

$23,033

A Beatles contract for a 1965 California concert that reveals that the Fab Four refused to play before a segregated audience has sold for $23,033 — more than four times its estimated price. REUTERS

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Japan. Blue whale

▶ Rival scientists claim the genetic cloners have signed a contract with a fast-food restaurant to supply whale meat.

Scientists playing god

Scientists in Japan claim to have made an astonishing genetic breakthrough: They say they can create a blue whale using the giant animal's preserved DNA. "Very soon, we can introduce to the world the very first artificially created blue whale," says Takahura Ken, team leader at Tokyo University. MWN

Researchers' genetic key to Lou Gehrig's disease

CHICAGO. Scientists have discovered a gene responsible for more than a third of inherited cases of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and a related brain disorder.

The findings could help scientists develop new animal models and may lead to new treatments for ALS and frontotemporal dementia, which are fatal neurological disorders.

In ALS, the disease kills nerve cells that control movement, leaving sufferers unable to move their arms, legs, body and eventually breathe without support. REUTERS

"We don't have a complete picture yet ... but we have an exciting new direction in which to find out."
ROSA RADEMAKERS, NEUROSCIENTIST

China bans dog-eating celebration

BEIJING. The Chinese government has banned a traditional carnival in the east of the country in which dogs are eaten after being chopped up alive in the street following a public uproar that the festival was cruel, state media reported yesterday. Despite once being banned as a bad bourgeois habit, dog ownership has become increasingly popular with China's growing middle class in the past few years. REUTERS

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48-HOUR DISTRIBUTION: These seldom seen full uncut sheets of new $1 bills are being moved from the private vaults of the World Reserve Monetary Exchange for immediate distribution to NYC area residents. Residents who beat the 48-hour order deadline to get the vault stacks containing three protective bankers portfolios for just twenty-nine dollars per portfolio are getting the valuable uncut sheets of never circulated $1 bills for just face value. That's a real steal because only the first 6,049 residents whose zip code appears on the Distribution List are getting the Vault Stacks full of real money just by calling 1-888-248-7476 to beat the 48-hour deadline.

NYC area zip codes turn up cash for residents

Valuable Gov't issued uncut sheets of money are actually being handed over to the first 6,049 callers who find their zip code on the distribution list to the right and beat the 48-hour deadline to get Vault Stacks full of real money

VALUABLE: Pictured to the left are the Vault Stacks containing three protective bankers portfolios, each loaded with a valuable uncut sheet of never circulated $1 bills. It's impossible to predict how much the bills will be worth in the future. But, since the Gov't has already shut down printing in 2006 on some uncut sheets of money, smart collectors are snatching up all the valuable uncut sheets of Gov't issued money they can get their hands on, so you better believe at just twenty-nine dollars and shipping the bankers portfolio is a real steal since the first 6,049 callers who beat the 48-hour order deadline are getting the valuable U.S. Gov't issued uncut sheet of money for just face value.

By Keith Berrymore
UNIVERSAL MEDIA SYNDICATE

UMS – NYC area residents who find their zip code on the Distribution List will feel like they just won the lottery.

That's because for the next 48 hours, full uncut sheets of never circulated $1 bills are being released by the World Reserve not to banks, not to dealers and not just to the rich and famous, but directly to NYC area residents who beat the order deadline.

The only thing residents need to do is look for their zip code on the Distribution List printed in today's publication. If their zip code appears on the list, they need to immediately call the Distribution Hotline before the 48-hour deadline to get the Vault Stack containing three protective bankers portfolios each loaded with its own full uncut sheet of never circulated $1 bills. But only the first 6,049 residents whose zip code appears on the Distribution List can even get the Vault Stacks containing three protective bankers portfolios full of real money.

"The money is being released until our last remaining uncut sheets of $1 bills are completely gone," said

Jefferson Marshall, Executive Director of the private World Reserve.

"That's why we've set up a Toll Free Distribution Hotline to make sure residents get them now," he said.

"But everything in our vault may soon be gone. So residents who want to get the uncut sheets of never circulated $1 bills had better hurry and call right now," Marshall said.

Those who get in on this now will be the really smart ones. Just think what they could be worth someday.

"Rare uncut sheets of real Gov't issued currency have sold at prestigious auction houses for thousands of dollars. Currency values always fluctuate, and there are never any guarantees. But at just twenty-nine dollars the bankers portfolio is a real steal since the first 6,049 callers who beat the 48-hour deadline are getting the valuable U.S. Gov't issued uncut sheet of money for just face value," Marshall said.

"You would expect to only see uncut money sheets on display in the Oval Office or under guard at the Smithsonian," he said.

"In fact, they are so seldom seen, banks don't even have them. That's why I've issued a directive to release a limited number of never circulated uncut sheets of valuable $1 bills from our private vault reserve to residents of the NYC area. Residents whose zip code is not on the Distribution List can't have our Vault Stacks of these full uncut sheets of $1 bills," Marshall said.

"These full uncut sheets of $1 bills will be highly sought after and are extremely popular to hand out as gifts for friends and family," he said.

Most people have never even seen one of these full uncut sheets of four never circulated bills.

"We're bracing for all the calls. With just hours left, we're doing our best to make sure NYC area residents get through. But, it is important that residents find their zip code on the Distribution List and call the Toll Free Hotline right away to beat the deadline. Because when our release is over, it's over," he said.

"We're allowing residents whose zip code appears on the Distribution List to claim as many as 10 Vault Stacks. But, since you can't get these Vault Stacks containing three protective bankers portfolios full of uncut sheets of money at banks, credit unions or even the Federal Reserve the limits will be strictly enforced," Marshall said.

"So, residents who want these full uncut sheets of real money need to call right now. If lines are busy keep trying, we promise to answer all calls," he said. ■

■ **FULL UNCUT SHEETS:** Above is one of the valuable full uncut sheets of never circulated $1 bills that are actually being released to NYC area residents. These crisp seldom seen uncut sheets of real money are being released on a first come, first served basis. That's why NYC area residents whose zip code appears on the Distribution List need to call 1-888-248-7476 right away with **Dept. Code ON368** to get the Vault Stacks containing three protective bankers portfolios full of real money since they're only being released by the World Reserve through this offer for the next 48 hours.

How to get the money

The Toll Free Distribution Hotline opens at 8:30am today for NYC area residents only. The World Reserve has authorized the release of full uncut sheets of never circulated $1 bills to residents who beat the 48-hour deadline. If lines are busy, keep trying all calls will be answered. If you miss the deadline you'll be turned away from this offer and forced to wait for future announcements in this publication or others, if any.

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The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Alyssa Milano is covering her bases, William Shatner is hitting the road, Hugh Hefner is staying off TV, and Kelly Osbourne doesn't know where people are getting their information.

▶ @Alyssa_Milano
Good morning/ afternoon/evening/ night. Wherever you are in your day, I hope you're laughing.

▶ @WilliamShatner
I'm doing a series of one man shows across Canada starting in October.

▶ @hughhefner
I won't be making any guest appearances on "The Playboy Club," because the show is set in the early 1960s.

▶ @MissKellyO
why do i keep reading articles that i have a boyfriend? Im a single lady & to be honest kinda loving it!

Osbourne

THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Details you don't want to know about Taylor Armstrong

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▶ The sad, sordid tale of Taylor Armstrong continues.

Ugh. Well, apparently readers want to know what's currently happening with **Taylor Armstrong**, the tragic "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star whose husband **Russell Armstrong** committed suicide last month, allegedly distraught over finances and his divorce with Taylor.

So, where should we start with the sadness? The terrifically awful? Or the just kind of awful? Actually, nevermind, it's all terrifically awful, because everyone is talking about Tuesday night's "Entertainment Tonight," when Armstrong told host **Nancy O'Dell** that her husband was abusive. "He would grab me by one side of the hair on my head and bang the other side of my head against the car," she said about Russell. Once, she said, he "grabbed me by the neck and shoved me up against the wall and he said, 'If you ever make my children a pizza without a vegetable again, I'll kill you.'"

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Cheery, no? Oh, but that's not all. Armstrong says she told her 5-year-old daughter that her father "got sick and he died." She also told the little girl "we could pick a star in the sky and it could be daddy, and that she could talk to him every night." "Entertainment Tonight" reportedly paid Armstrong $125,000 for a photo she says was taken after a brutal beating by Russell; the show aired it all week as a promo to Tuesday's interview. Armstrong apparently needed the quick cash since it seems her "rich" husband was actually totally broke and is now totally dead.

Have I said "ugh" already? I'm so very sorry today's column didn't come with a free puppy to help get you back to a happy place this Thursday morning.

It's the end of R.E.M. as we know it (and they feel fine)

After 31 years as a band, R.E.M. announced yesterday that they are calling it a day. Each band member wrote a few paragraphs on their website ensuring fans that there was no ill will between members, but that their last album, according to bassist Mike Mills, "seemed to draw a natural line under the last 31 years of our working together."

"Mike, Michael, Bill, Bertis, and I walk away as great friends," wrote Peter Buck.

Singer Michael Stipe, ever a man of words, quoted an adage that "the skill in attending a party is knowing when it's time to leave."

Though such a degree of self-deprecation might be extreme — R.E.M. hardly outwore its welcome — the band's arc does seem complete. They went from a little band from Athens, Ga. to a defining group of the "college rock" genre in the 1980s, which served as a precursor to "alternative rock." But by the time that word was being used, the '80s turned into the '90s, and R.E.M. had arguably become America's biggest band. Many of the later R.E.M. singles were decidedly more mellow and less experimental than the music that first made them popular, but the amount of bands they have influenced, with their jangly guitar approach and unabashedly artsy lyrics, cannot be overstated.

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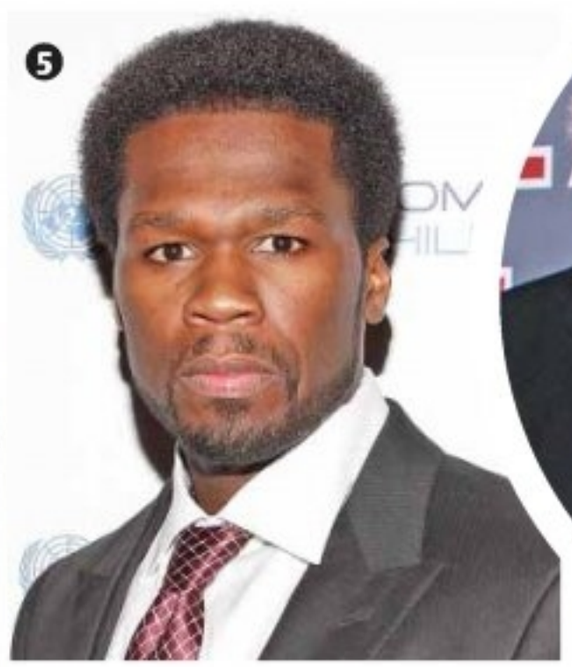

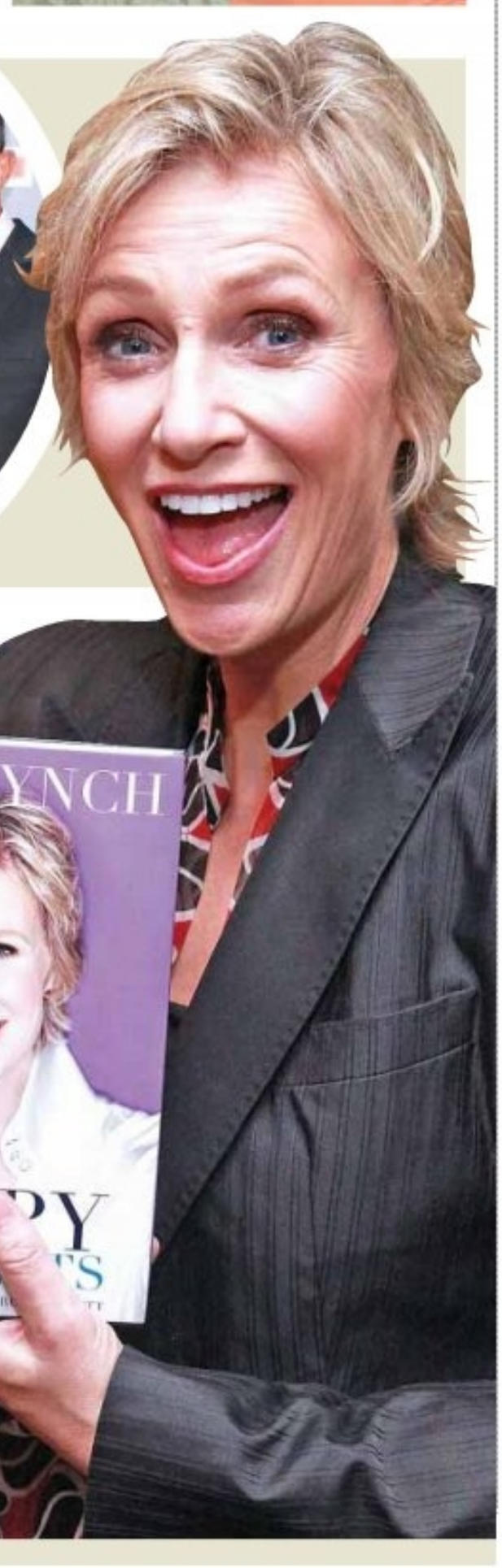

Two blondes promote their books and more

▶ **1:** Model/actress/tall-person Rosie Huntington-Whiteley attended the Moet & Chandon Etoile award ceremony at Park Lane Hotel on Monday in London.

▶ **2:** Just when the ladies of the world felt like Jon Hamm couldn't get cooler, it turns out he's a "South Park" lover! Here he is at the "South Park" 15th Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday in Santa Monica, Calif.

▶ **3:** Demi Lovato visited "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon" at Rockefeller Center on Tuesday in New York.

▶ **4:** Kendra Wilkinson promoted her new book "Being Kendra" at Bookends Bookstore yesterday in Ridgewood, N.J.

▶ **5:** Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson (new haircut?) attended the "Every Woman, Every Child" MDG Reception at the Grand Hyatt on Tuesday in New York.

▶ **6:** Director Pedro Almodovar, actress Elena Anaya and actor Antonio Banderas attended the premiere of their new film, "The Skin I Live In," on Tuesday in Rome.

▶ **7:** Actress Jane Lynch visited "Mark Says Hi!" on the Raw Dog Comedy SiriusXM Studio on Tuesday in New York.

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You're being watched

Meet the cast

Finch (Michael Emerson) "I play a shadowy tech billionaire who's had some kind of transformative experience in his psychological life, and he's decided to dedicate himself to a justice mission," Emerson says. "He can't intervene in dangerous situations personally, so he needs to team up with someone who is more active and skilled than he."

Reese (Jim Caviezel) "He's former special forces CIA on the surface, but deep down, a guy who is searching for a purpose, and Finch seems to offer that," Caviezel says. "I think that purpose probably is justice."

Detective Carter (Taraji P. Henson) "She served two tours in Iraq. She gets a little more emotionally involved with some of the people that she interacts with. And she's chasing this guy in a suit [Reese]. She's already identified him as an ex-army person of some sort. So she identifies with that."

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ERIC LIEBOWITZ/CBS

▶ Finch (Michael Emerson, left) and Reese (Jim Caviezel) use The Machine to try to stop crimes before they occur on "Person of Interest."

That's the inspiration behind 'Person of Interest' What would happen if citywide surveillance made predicting crimes a possibility?

If you step onto a New York City street, you may as well be smiling — there's no doubt you're being filmed. It's the reality of a post-9/11, surveillance-heavy world — and it's a major inspiration behind the new J.J. Abrams crime thriller on CBS, "Person of Interest."

"Someone tried to count [the number of cameras in NYC] a couple years ago, and the official tally was 'uncountable,'" says executive producer Jonathan Nolan, whose credits include the "Dark Knight" films (director Christopher is his brother). "I think we're all really aware these days of just how much information is kind of swirling around out there about us, about our friends, about everybody," he adds. "What's missing in all of this — or at least we think is missing — is something that sifts through all of that information, a way in which that information actually becomes useful to people."

"This is not really a science-fiction show. It's more science-fact."
"PERSON OF INTEREST" EXEC PRODUCER JONATHAN NOLAN

Enter The Machine. The invention of a mysterious billionaire, Finch (Michael Emerson), the government-commissioned, anti-terrorism device is capable of predicting when a crime will occur. With the aid of a former CIA agent, Reese (Jim Caviezel), Finch plans to enact vigilante justice, which plays out on the show in a case-of-the-week format.

"We're at this very odd moment, kind of standing on the precipice of seeing what happens when you start harnessing all that information," Nolan says. Scarily, he's referring to real-life as much as the world created on "Person of Interest." "This is not really a science-fiction show," he says. "It's more science-fact."

Tune in

▶ **"Person of Interest"** premieres tonight at 9 on CBS.

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The schedule

MONDAY

- **8-8:30 p.m.** "How I Met Your Mother"
- **8:30-9 p.m.** "2 Broke Girls"
- **9-9:30 p.m.** "Two and a Half Men"
- **9:30-10 p.m.** "Mike & Molly"
- **10-11 p.m.** "Hawaii 5-0"

TUESDAY

- **8-9 p.m.** "NCIS"
- **9-10 p.m.** "NCIS: Los Angeles"
- **10-11 p.m.** "Unforgettable"

WEDNESDAY

- **8-9 p.m.** "Survivor: South Pacific"
- **9-10 p.m.** "Criminal Minds"
- **10-11 p.m.** "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation"

THURSDAY

- **8-8:30 p.m.** "The Big Bang Theory"
- **8:30-9 p.m.** "How to Be a Gentleman"
- **9-10 p.m.** "Person of Interest"
- **10-11 p.m.** "The Mentalist"

FRIDAY

- **8-9 p.m.** "A Gifted Man"
- **9-10 p.m.** "CSI: NY"
- **10-11 p.m.** "Blue Bloods"

SUNDAY

- **8-9 p.m.** "The Amazing Race"
- **9-10 p.m.** "The Good Wife"
- **10-11 p.m.** "CSI: Miami"

TV watch list

ABC/BOB D'AMICO

▶ From left: Minka Kelly, Annie Ilonzeh and Rachael Taylor star in "Charlie's Angels."

'Charlie's Angels'

DRAMA. Who thought a serious-minded "Charlie's Angels" remake was a good idea? Where's the cheeky fun? Instead we get a disgraced cop (Annie Ilonzeh), rich-girl-turned-thief (Rachael Taylor) and street racer (Minka Kelly) — all super hot ladies, at least — acting like Jack Bauer. Except Jack Bauer was believable, and it's really, really hard not to laugh at Kelly's little-girl purr when she's trying to be a badass in the face of an underworld kingpin. If only we were supposed to laugh.
Series premiere, 8 p.m., ABC

'Prime Suspect'

DRAMA. Maria Bello's Jane Timoney — the only female detective in her homicide unit — shows the "beef trust" how to get the job done. The boys' club theme is heavy-handed in the pilot, but Bello is absolutely absorbing as the flawed heroine.
Series premiere, 10 p.m., NBC

'The Office'

COMEDY. Robert California (James Spader) begins his reign of terror at Dunder Mifflin. Wait, we mean tenure. He begins his tenure. (He totally creeped you out too, right?)
Season premiere, 9 p.m., NBC

'The Mentalist'

DRAMA. Sorry, Jane. You don't kill a guy in the middle of a shopping center — even if you think the guy is your serial killer nemesis, Red John — and get away cleanly. Season 4 picks up moments after last season's cliffhanger shooting.
Season premiere, 10 p.m., CBS

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▶ Margo Martindale stars with Patrick Wilson in "A Gifted Man."

Scene-stealer: Margo Martindale, 'A Gifted Man'

"Sometimes things just take time. But with time comes appreciation," Margo Martindale gushed when accepting her Emmy for best supporting actress in a drama for her work on "Justified" on Sunday. The 60-year-old has been stealing scenes for years, and she's about to do it again in the new CBS drama, "A Gifted Man."

"I've been working, honestly, as an actor professionally since I was 21, I think 23," Martindale says, adding that her career as a character actor has led to a fluctuating lifestyle between "poor, some money, poor, counting pennies on the floor."

But not any more. After playing ruthless Southern matriarch Mags Bennett on "Justified," Martindale moves to New York City, portraying Rita, the no-nonsense assistant to Patrick Wilson's well-respected neurosurgeon in charge of an upscale concierge medical clinic. The doc also just so happens to receive visits from the ghost of his altruistic ex-wife, which Rita thinks is ridiculous — and lets him know it.

"It's great to go from that fabulous, wonderful part [on 'Justified'] to a luxurious, spa-like existence with another good-looking man," Martindale says of the role change. "What can I say? I turned 60, and everything fell into place." AMBER RAY

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"I know how good she is because when I did ['Law & Order: SVU'], she put Elle Fanning in a cage and told her to set Connie Nielsen on fire. So I know what she's capable of."

"A GIFTED MAN" EXECUTIVE PRODUCER NEAL BAER, ON THE CONSIDERABLE TALENTS OF MARGO MARTINDALE

Tune in

▶ **"A Gifted Man"** premieres tomorrow at 8 p.m. on CBS.

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Ups and downs

"2 Broke Girls"
The joke: A newly broke society girl, Caroline (Beth Behrs), walks into a Brooklyn diner looking for a job. The punchline in this odd-couple tale is that she's paired up with cynical, had-to-work-her-whole-life waitress Max (Kat Dennings). Wharton-educated Caroline has the ambition Max, a confectionary whiz, never mustered; together they plan on opening a cupcake shop. We hope this snarky-sweet sitcom rakes in enough interest to see that dream come true. **(Mondays at 8:30 p.m. on CBS)**

"How to Be a Gentleman"
Etiquette columnist Andrew (David Hornsby) wonders where all the gentlemen have gone; gym owner Bert (Kevin Dillon) is looking for some guys' guys to train in the fine art of meatheadery. We're still searching for a decent joke in this sitcom full of exaggerated caricatures. **(Premieres Sept. 29 at 8:30 p.m. on CBS.)**
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FASHION WEEK'S PLAYLIST

DJ Chelsea Leyland is no stranger to Fashion Week
She DJed the Naeem Khan Spring 2012 show, two Fashion's Night Out events and a bunch of parties in between
We got her top picks for a rockin' good time

What are the songs have been popular at Fashion Week?
I've been hearing "A Strangers Heart" by Theophilus London, "Otis" by Jay Z & Kanye, "Need You Tonight" by INXS and "Bright Lights" by Gary Clark Jr. — which I've actually been hearing live, as he's played a bunch in New York.

How far in advance did you make your Fashion Week playlists?
I started working on the music for the Naeem Khan show a month in advance— everything else I thought about much closer to the time. Each event has been totally different. The only thing in common was that they were all fashion-based.

How would you guide someone in creating their own playlist for a birthday party, dinner, etc.?
Try to figure out what kind of vibe you want to create for the occasion and roll with that. It also helps to keep in mind who will be there and what you think they might want to hear.

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Her top three picks for the ultimate playlist

1. "Dancing With Myself" Billy Idol
2. "I'm a Man" Black Strobe
3. "Rolling In the Deep" Jamie xx remix of Adele

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▶ Read more about DJ Chelsea, who mans the turntables for Dove's Go Fresh Fresh Spin series, at www.dove.mtv.com.

Reviews

Milan Fashion Week

1 Gucci
Financial headlines about Standard & Poor's downgrading Italy's credit rating a notch doesn't exactly make the best backdrop for Milan Fashion Week. Not that the Milanese have ever been ones to sacrifice quality in the face of hard times (just look at the numbers of shoppers carrying designer shopping bags on Via Montenapoleone). Gucci kicked off the week with a collection that oozed luxury and was almost entirely dedicated to decadent evening dressing. Frida Giannini's clothes (which she called Hard Deco) were dipped, embroidered and accented with gold. It appeared everywhere: as buttons lining an ankle slit on trousers, bands of hardware around drop-waist dresses, the embroidery on a jacket and as the tip on a pointy-toed stiletto — to name just a few of a boatload of examples. It was Gucci at its flashiest, and in a way it seemed totally out of touch with the world. But then again, the price of gold is expected to spike to $2,000 an ounce by the end of this year due to its status as a foolproof investment in rocky financial times. A coincidence? Frida's no fool.

2 Alberta Ferretti
The queen of all things ethereal and pretty has always been the go-to for soft, feminine dresses for weddings or the red carpet. So it's been nice to see her break character these past two seasons with clothes that are a little less sweet and a little more seductive. She followed up the mod shifts she turned out for fall with sexier fare including bias-cut silk dresses that had clean lines and sheer, Art Deco-shaped inserts with transparent, crochet dresses in tropical colors. These were clothes to wear on the girls' trip to Miami, rather than the long-lost cousin's nuptials, which sounds a lot more fun, no?

KENYA HUNT

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Technology news

Which country has the world's fastest Internet?

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▶ This guy's Internet connection in Central Park is lame compared to his counterpart's in Seoul, South Korea.

Which county has the world's fastest Internet service? How about South Korea. That's according to a new study from content delivery service Pando Networks that sampled some 35 petabytes of data from 27 million downloads and 224 countries. The service found that South Korea is top in the world in terms of download speed, averaging 17.62 Mbps.

Romania has the second-fastest Internet speeds on the planet, clocking in at 15.27 Mbps, and a trio of Eastern European countries round out the top five: Bulgaria, Lithuania and Latvia. The United States musters a very pedestrian 4.93 Mbps — good for 26th in the world — while China, home to the world's largest Internet population, manages a dismal 1.96 Mbps.

The slowest Internet, according to the study, is in the Congo, with an average of just 13 KBps, a speed that would make even a 1990s dial-up Internet user cringe. Most of the world's slowest countries on Pando's list are located in Africa, where broadband access is sparse and mobile is often the most prevalent point of access for users. However, we suspect that the data from some countries may have suffered from too small a sample size for an accurate reading.

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▶ Two guys, one gun: Robert De Niro and Jason Statham play the usual assassins in "Killer Elite."

10 Reasons to hit up movie theaters this weekend

2 'Abduction' The boy who played wolf, Taylor Lautner, gets his first starring role as a young man who learns he was kidnapped as a child by the people he had grown up believing were his parents.

3 'Moneyball' Brad Pitt plus baseball equals a win-win for any couple doing battle over what to see in the theaters this weekend. Pitt plays Oakland A's general manager, Billy Beane, the innovator of a new drafting technique. Whatever. All we heard was "Pitt."

Must-see

'Killer Elite'

1 We challenge you to not find at least two other movies in which Clive Owen, Robert De Niro and Jason Statham have already played the same characters they do in this assassin action thriller. Make that five for Statham.

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4 'The Weird World of Blowfly' The legendary dirty rapper Clarence "Blowfly" Reid finally gets the appreciation he deserves as a documentarian follows the artist on tour.

5 'Dolphin Tale' A dolphin gets a prosthetic tail. Harry Connick Jr., Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman co-star alongside said dolphin.

6 'Machine Gun Preacher' Gerard Butler plays a Born-Again American on a religious mission in Sudan. But the more he gets involved in the conflict in the region, the more he uses his old tough guy persona to persevere.

7 'Drive' We hope this stunning, modern noir film by Nicolas Winding Refn — about a stunt driver sucked into the L.A. crime underworld — will finally allow Ryan Gosling to be referred to as someone other than "'The Notebook' guy."

8 'I Don't Know How She Does It' You know what you're going to get out of this box of bon-bons: Sarah Jessica Parker plays a mom trying to 'have it all' with kids, a career and Greg Kinnear.

9 'Straw Dogs' Expect more flash and bloodshed in this remake of the 1971 Sam Peckinpah classic film about a small back-country village that doesn't take kindly to a native daughter returning to settle in with her sophisticated, if wussy, husband.

10 'The Lion King' 3-D There may be a circle of life, but this movie won't die.

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Money is the one true god

Did you know that before Mohammed, the Middle East was predominantly Christian? Yes, indeed. And in its early years, Islam was spread outside Arabia by the sword: "Convert or die!" However, the caliphs soon discovered an easier way: "Convert, and be freed from taxes!" As soon as they heard that, conservative Christians fell all over each other to convert to Islam. And that is why, to this day, the entire Middle East is predominantly Muslim.
DIANA NAKEEB, STATEN ISLAND

Don't forget about the '70s

RE: "HISTORY LESSON ON THE LADIES": Another lesson for Mr. Burstyn: Forget the '60s. When I went for my first apartment, I already had a degree in nursing and had been working for five years. The complex I moved into didn't rent to single women — my father had to go to the rental office for me. The year? 1975!
NATALIE KASDAY, FLUSHING

Liberals ignore threat of Islam

So Harvard finally decided to bring back the ROTC because "don't ask, don't tell" ended. People seem to forget this is the same Harvard that wouldn't allow the military on campus, but had no problem with Mohammad Khatami of Iran. Yes, the same Iran that advocates killing gays. And how many of the liberals who claim to be champions of gay rights have protested against radical Islam?
ROCCO LORE, VIA E-MAIL

Movement of opportunism

RE: "THE LEFT SPEWS VICIOUS SLURS": If the Tea Party movement is synonymous with fiscal conservatism, then sign me up tomorrow! But the fundamental question remains: Where was this "movement" over the eight years that got us into this financial mess in the first place? On the toilet having a "movement" of another kind?!
JOE FINLEY II, VIA E-MAIL

Once again the Tea Baggers are trying to rewrite facts. They are not lying attacks; it is more informed people noticing the Tea Bag lies. Also, liberals are afraid of Tea Baggers because they are nuts. They try to rewrite history to make Palin's statement true, and they try to ignore facts like climate change, etc. We are afraid of what Tea Baggers would do in office. **BRIAN GRAU, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If you find yourself a bit restless, put aside your plans and call a pal who is always ready to do something interesting.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Channel your efforts toward a single goal, and you'll end up accomplishing far more than you ever thought possible. Putting too many things on your plate could lead to an unwieldy meal.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Some knowledge you acquired by simply being a good listener will prove to be immensely valuable. It'll prove how beneficial it is to pay attention.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Don't settle for undesirable terms; instead, be prepared to call the other guy's bluff. If the conditions are unsatisfactory, take a walk and let him or her do all the sweating.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** A business partner will emulate your mode of operation, so it's going to be up to you to supply the motivating factors to get what you want. He or she will then back you up.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** No one will have to tell you where your opportunities lie — you'll be cognizant of them all on your own. Be imaginative, energetic and enterprising.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You should be able to put to rest your enormous assumption that someone you like never notices you when this person starts showering you with all kinds of attention.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Because you know you have people in your corner who will back you up, you're able to be more daring about how far you can take things.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Your imagination knows no boundaries and, as a result, you'll be able to come up with something new and more daring that'll capture the exact results you're looking for.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Knowing what you want is only one part of your goal — actually going after it could be a bit more challenging. It might take a lot of courage.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Unless you are challenged, you won't actually have any reason to put forth your best effort. However, if a gauntlet is thrown down, the Galahad within you will quickly emerge.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Use an indirect approach toward achieving your purposes, especially if there is someone who always questions your efforts. You'll have your goal accomplished before anybody notices it. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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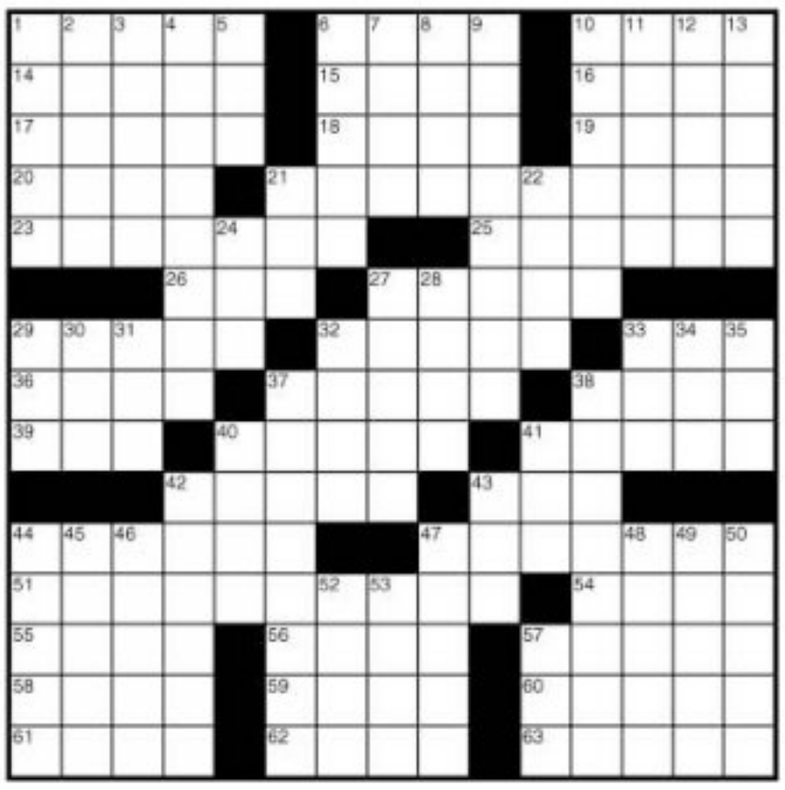

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Ingredients to fall for

What's going to keep you warm as the weather cools? Chefs give their suggestions for their favorite seasonal flavors New dishes that will appear on menus throughout the city

Starbucks is frothing out the pumpkin spice lattes, and every deli's beer fridge is stocked with the autumnal foliage of seasonal brews. But there really is nothing like tucking into a warm plate of food to help you shake off the chill of early fall. New York chefs are happy to oblige with dishes using their favorite fall ingredients (pumpkin spice need not apply).

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Lamb ribs with kohlrabi tzatziki are a popular opener in the fall at Cafe Colette.

Chef Charlie Brassard

Cafe Colette
79 Berry St., Brooklyn
347-599-1381
Serving it with charred lamb ribs, Brassard uses crunchy autumn kohlrabi in his tzatziki to balance out one of his favorite fall dishes. Kohlrabi can be tough, so Brassard tenderizes it with salt and sliced garlic before blending it with the chopped mint, lemon juice, salt and greek yogurt that round out the earthy flavors of the lamb.

Chef Cesare Casella
Salumeria Rosi Parmacotto
283 Amsterdam Ave.
212-877-4801
For Casella, radicchio is much more than a salad ingredient. Casella likes using it in the cooler months, slow-cooking it to perfection in olive oil, chicken stock and balsamic vinegar so that it becomes a versatile vegetable stew that can be served over polenta or pasta or mixed in with risotto.

Chef Joe Dobias
JoeDoe
45 E. First St.
212-780-0262
Dobias adds a little fall color to his plate with Adirondack red potatoes. He uses them for their sweet flavor, which blends well with the garlic, hazelnuts, lemon juice and olive oil in his Greek potato dish, skordalia, which he serves with lavash bread.

Skordalia is a Greek potato dip made with garlic, hazelnuts, lemon, olive oil and salt.

Ryan McLaughlin
The Vanderbilt
570 Vanderbilt Ave., Brooklyn
718-623-0570
To McLaughlin, nothing complements the cooler weather better than a hearty dish with greens, pork and a fried egg. Kale is McLaughlin's favorite, which he uses in a salad topped by some soft, delicious pork belly and the runny yolk of a fried egg.

Michael Cressotti
The Mermaid Oyster Bar
79 MacDougal St.
212-260-0100
The fall months are the best for catching Alaskan King Salmon, which Cressotti likes to use because of its textured, delicate flavor. Cressotti pairs it with sweet, in-season heirloom beets and spicy horseradish vinaigrette. Bonus: Pop into any of Cressotti's locations and with each King Salmon you order, $2 will go to protect Alaskan fisheries.

Tuna tartare sits over cucumber slices and is topped with spikes of Asian pear, which is in season in the fall.

Chef Manuel Trevino
Marble Lane restaurant
355 West 16th St.
212-229-2336
It's the season for the Asian pear, so Trevino perches it atop his tuna tartare appetizer. It adds a little crunch to the dish, with the added bonus of making it look pretty for his artsy, fashion-conscious clientele.

Jimmy Bradley of The Red Cat and The Harrison
Red Cat: 227 10th Ave., 212-242-1122
The Harrison: 355 Greenwich St., 212-274-9310
It looks like spaghetti, but it tastes like squash: Bradley uses spaghetti squash in a variety of ways in the fall. He considers its slightly sweet, nutty flavor a perfect accompaniment to hearty fall offerings like roasted meats and foul.

Join the club

Each week, we tell you about the songs you should be sweating to in clubs.

'Freak Like Me' by Mayra Veronica

This song sounds a little like it was manufactured in a pop hit laboratory. From Britney Spears, it extracted a few walkie-talkie vocal portions and some lyrical boundary-pushing a la "If U Seek Amy." It says something racy about "begging for more/on the table/against the wall" and slightly tweaks the fuzzy shuffle and stomp of "Womanizer." From the Black Eyed Peas, it takes a few woo-hoos, and from the Pussycat Dolls, it takes an overlooked phrase from "Don't Cha" and makes it the title. But like a well-calculated formula, it does work — and you've probably been hearing it in the clubs for a while. This week it's No. 3 on the Billboard Dance/Club chart.

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GRAND CENTRAL OYSTER BAR

▶ Sandy Ingber, "The Bishop of Bivalves," poses in the same spot you can find The Frenzy this Saturday: The Grand Central Oyster Bar, lower level of the Grand Central Terminal, from noon to 4 p.m.

GRAND CENTRAL OYSTER BAR

▶ Sixteen varieties of oysters from the East and West Coast will be on the menu.

GRAND CENTRAL OYSTER BAR

▶ The historic Grand Central Oyster Bar's counter, pictured here in a vintage photo, will be the site of shucking championships.

Shuck off on Saturday

The Grand Central Oyster Frenzy takes place this weekend at the famed restaurant ◐ Executive Chef Sandy Ingber on the lively celebration to all things bivalve

Grand Central Oyster Bar & Restaurant knows its oysters. The famed establishment has been serving up the tasty bivalves since 1913. But it's only in the last decade that it's thrown such a party around the tasty treats with the Annual Grand Central Oyster Frenzy happening this Saturday for the ninth annual time.

"It's a carnival atmosphere," says Oyster Bar's executive chef, Sandy Ingber (aka: "The Bishop of Bivalves"). "Everything is surrounded around the shucking contest."

This year's shucking contest features the best pros vying for the $3,000 grand prize and will include five-time champion (and Oyster Bar staffer) Luis "The Mexican Menace" Iglesius defending his title.

Guests will enjoy chef demonstrations and tastings, the "slurp-off" eating competition, 16 varieties of oysters and an assortment of wines and beers. Admission is free, with food and drinks priced a la carte.

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As crafty as a Fox

Robin Pecknold on the long preparation of Fleet Foxes' beautiful album, 'Helplessness Blues' And on why there are so many fruits in his songs

Fleet Foxes singer Robin Pecknold has made no secret of his struggles to overcome the dreaded "sophomore slump." After the folkie Seattle combo reached critical acclaim with their self-titled debut in 2008, it seemed that topping that effort would be difficult. But with "Helplessness Blues," it seems they have indeed done it. The songs are confident, richly acoustic and full of the energetic introspection that seems to hit artists hardest in their twenties.

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Pecknold has said the reason that it took so long to write and record the follow-up was his picky nature, which even led to him scrapping recordings the band had reportedly spent several thousands of dollars on. But it has paid off.

How does it feel to finally take these songs from the long incubation process of writing and recording to audiences?
It's been good. It's been good to have the chance to sort of make the songs more physical and less cerebral. You can kind of play louder or have it sound huge without feeling like the sound is too big and without the kind of hemming and hawing about what you're doing in the studio. So that's been good. It's not like we had the songs all worked out live before we recorded, so this has kind of been our first chance to get to know them in some ways.

Were there any challenges in making that jump?
We had to rehearse for almost a month just to get all the parts down and all the chord changes.

Any surprises as far as the crowd response goes?
We open the show with the instrumental from the album. It's kind of funny that people are like, "Yeah!" for this little, small instrumental song. And there's this one line in one of the new songs where I really push my voice, and after that line in "The Shrine" people are always like, "Yeah!"

SEAN PECKNOLD

▶ Fleet Foxes play with the Walkmen at the Williamsburg Waterfront in Brooklyn on Saturday. For more info, visit www.ticketmaster.com.

There are a lot of fruits blossoming within the lyrics of these songs.
My grandpa was an orchardist in Wenatchee, which is in Washington. It's sort of a big apple-growing region. There's kind of an apple and orchard iconography up at the cabin. He's passed away now, but me and my brother Sean just go up there and work on stuff together, and there's a lot of stuff up there that's apple related and there's Yeats poems on the walls.

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ARTS

Limon Dance Company presents "Rooms": Monday, 7:30 p.m., Manhattan School of Music, 120 Claremont Ave., $20, www.limon.org
Collaborating with the school's Chamber Jazz Ensemble, Limon Dance Company brings to life Anna Sokolow's 1955 choreographic masterpiece "Rooms" in this one-night-only performance. Justin DiCioccio conducts the ensemble, which will play original jazz scores written by Kenyon Hopkins.

COMEDY

John and Molly Get Along: Wednesday, 7 p.m., Le Poisson Rouge, 158 Bleecker St., free, www.lepoissonrouge.com
Siblings John and Molly are regular performers in the local comedy scene and their popular videos have been featured in numerous online publications, such as Gawker, The New York Times and CNN. Catch them live this Wednesday.

MUSIC

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Culture

Affordable Art Fair

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GOING OUT

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THEATER

'Blogologues': Monday, 7 and 9 p.m., Under St. Marks, 94 St. Marks Place, $15, www.horsetrade.info
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EAST CLINCHED

Posada plays hero with eighth inning, pinch-hit single Win AL East for 17th time Cano double in Game 1 clinched playoff spot for Yankees

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▶ Jorge Posada watches his single that would prove to be the game winner and division clincher for the Yankees.

There were no personal milestones for Jorge Posada in what has been a frustrating season.

The best Posada could do was deliver the hit that won the AL East. He lined a two-out, two-run pinch hit single in the bottom of the eighth inning that gave the Yankees a 4-2 victory over the Rays and their 17th division title.

Posada batted for Jesus Montero after two Tampa relievers issued walks to Mark Teixeira and Robinson Cano. After taking a pitch for strike one, Posada lined Brandon Gomes' pitch into right field for the lead, sending the Yankee Stadium crowd into a delirium.

In the first game of yesterday's doubleheader, Robinson Cano played hero with an eighth inning double over B.J. Upton's head in center to score two runs. The Yankees won 4-2. Eduardo Nunez had tied the game with a solo home run earlier in the inning.

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Collapse continues for Sox

It's getting ugly for Red Sox fans.

Boston led 4-1 against the Orioles at home last night, before eventually losing 6-4 thanks to an old foe.

Mark Reynolds hit two home runs in the game, including the game-tying blast, but it was Vladimir Guerrero who had the game-winner. Boston's loss, coupled with the two Yankee wins, meant New York's magic number was zero. **METRO**

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Grant: 'I don't fake nothing'

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▶ Grant is looked at by trainers after dropping to the ground.

Deon Grant wants you to know he wasn't faking an injury in Monday night's win over St. Louis.

He really wants you to know.

"Nobody ain't gonna step to me with the softness [label], but if you want to talk about toughness I have the injuries to speak for itself. I ain't never missed a game yet," Grant said. "I've got two torn MCLs, had wrist surgery, a torn labrum, a torn rotator cuff and a broken hip with metal plates and screws in it. And I've never missed a game."

Following a formal complaint by the Rams, the NFL sent out a memo yesterday to all teams, warning against faking injuries to slow down teams' no-huddle offenses.

Grant said if his team is fined he'll bitterly dispute it.

"Check my medical reports and it'll speak for me. I don't fake nothing. How can another person that's not in your body tell you when you're faking an injury? ... I've been sacrificing my body for my team and for the NFL my whole career." **TONY WILLIAMS**

Hixon tears ACL ... again

The Giants announced yesterday receiver Domenik Hixon suffered a torn ACL in his right knee in Monday night's win.

The injury, which happened on Hixon's touchdown reception, is to the same knee as last season.

"It's devastating news, after I did everything I could do to come back 100 percent, that I have to start all over again," Hixon said. "I'll come back and be just as fast and just as explosive." **METRO/TW**

Islanders name Streit as captain

The look on Mark Streit's face was an odd juxtaposition of pride and sheepishness.

The Islanders' No. 1 defenseman walked into the Nassau Coliseum press conference room moments after general manager Garth Snow announced Streit was the 13th captain in franchise history. After applause died down, Streit stood to the left of Snow as a photographer barked orders at the NHL's first Swiss-born captain.

"Being named the captain is a huge honor," Streit said. "It's a very big privilege. It's a big honor. It's a great franchise (with) a big history, a very storied franchise. There has been many legendary players before (who were) captain of the team like Bryan Trottier or Pat LaFontaine, Dougie Weight, Billy Guerin; so many great players. It's a big honor, big footsteps to fill. I'm really excited. This is an unbelievable day for me."

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▶ Mark Streit

Streit was signed to a five-year, $20.5 million free agent pact in 2008.

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Goals for Streit as a member of the Islanders. He also has 78 career assists. He has 52 goals in his career.

Mangold holding out hope

Just to be clear, no one on the Jets expects Pro Bowl center Nick Mangold to play this Sunday.

No one except for Mangold that is.

Of the players added to the injury report this week, only Mangold was still not practicing yesterday. In fact, he was walking around in a boot. Still, he's not counting himself out against Oakland.

"It's coming along," Mangold said. "I'm rehabbing and treating it as much as possible."

Mangold said that while he does hope to play Sunday, he realizes it's not worth risking it for just one game.

His head coach, Rex Ryan, was more candid.

"I don't see it happening this week."

Also appearing on the injury report this week was quarterback Mark Sanchez.

And while a scrum of reporters surrounded him after practice, he said the elbow injury that landed him on the report was nothing serious. He banged his arm on a teammate's helmet, but will play this weekend. MARK OSBORNE

Jets are ready for a road trip

The "Black Hole" has meant a whole lot of nothing to the Jets.

The Raiders crowd is notorious for its rough demeanor and being the most hostile place to play in the NFL. But the Jets have won their past four meetings in Oakland, including a 38-0 win two years ago at Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum.

The Jets are among a handful of teams in the league who aren't automatic underdogs on the road. Other than being a good team in general, they can't figure out why they have so much road success.

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▶ Pouha likes road cooking. And most cooking.

"I don't think it is any one thing, not like it is the flight or something. If that was the case, then I think we'd take a flight even for a home game and circle around the state or something then come back," nose tackle Sione Pouha said. "So it isn't like it is that or the hotel or anything like that. Maybe it's the peanuts on the flight. That could be it — I don't know."

In two seasons under Rex Ryan, the Jets are 11-5 on the road, not including a 4-2 playoff road record. The Jets aren't intimidated when they play in hostile environments.

"I think it's just a mindset where you get into a road mentality. You shut your eyes, close everything out, get into that mindset," guard Matt Slauson said. "Definitely being around hostile environments brings you together."

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Still waiting

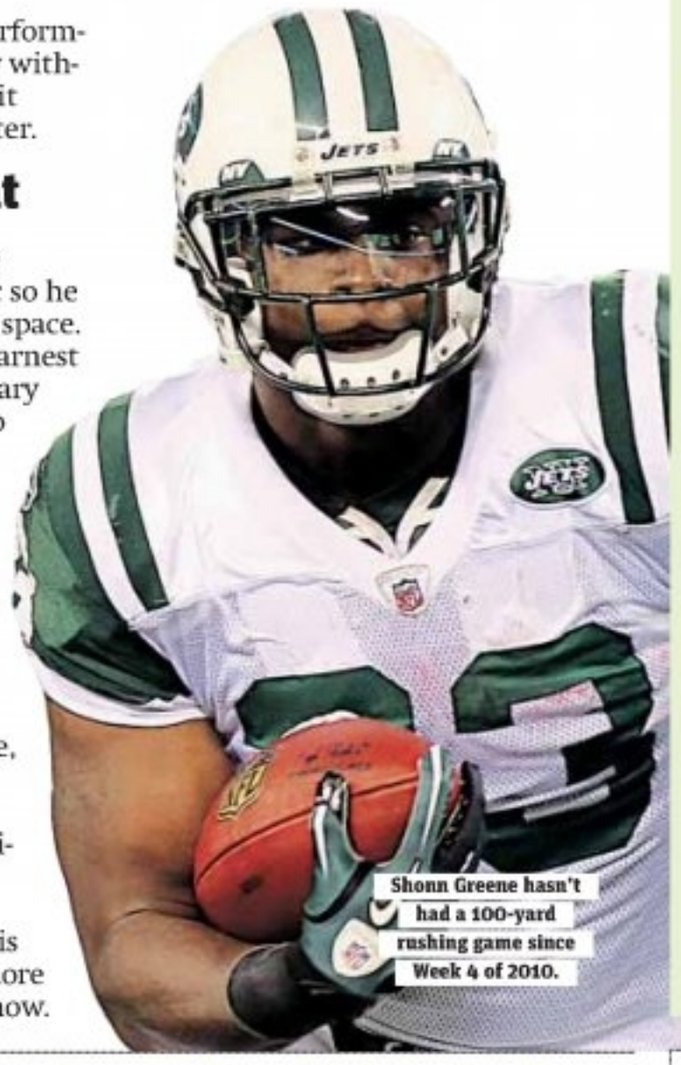
Shonn Greene's breakout was going to happen last year. Nope. It was surely going to be this year, right? Wrong again. Greene is averaging just 2.9 yards per carry this season even though teams aren't stacking the box against the Jets. He doesn't play on passing downs, is a poor receiver out of the backfield and isn't showing any burst. With the Jets' offensive line already underperforming and getting ready to play without C Nick Mangold (ankle), it doesn't figure to get any better.

Roll up the Blount

LeGarrette Blount is a lot like Greene. He's not that athletic so he struggles as a receiver and in space. When the Bucs are behind, Earnest Graham is usually their primary back. Now is a perfect time to sell Blount, who scored two touchdowns in Week 2.

Pushed up Hillis

The most appealing part of Peyton Hillis's fantasy game are his monster workloads. It's also a curse. By touching the ball 25 to 30 times a game, he gets worn down. Hillis is getting just 3.4 YPC this year after sinking to 3.9 over the final eight games of last year. And now his coach is saying that he wants to back off Hillis and get Montario Hardesty more involved. The time to bail is now.



Shonn Greene hasn't had a 100-yard rushing game since Week 4 of 2010.

NFL stock watch

It's an ideal time to buy low as losing owners are getting frustrated:

1 Dez Bryant, WR, DAL — Some think he's injury prone. Maybe, but it's worth the risk as Miles Austin's hammy pull is in bad shape.

2 Ryan Mathews, RB, SD — Mike Tolbert has a case of the fumbles and Mathews' talent is proving to be special.

3 Chris Johnson, RB, TEN — He wasn't going to break out against the Ravens no matter what. The Titans' emerging passing game will help.

NFL news

Chief mess

The Chiefs' season is circling the toilet bowl. Now that Jamaal Charles (knee) is out for the year, who runs the ball? Thomas Jones will start but he's not the one to grab. Scatback **Dexter McCluster** has WR eligibility in fantasy leagues and the Chiefs figure to be playing from behind a ton. About 12-15 touches weekly is within reach.

Top NFL pickups

David Nelson

WR, Bills
With Roscoe Parrish out for the year, Nelson is taking over in Chan Gailey's highly-targeted slot position. This is the 6-foot-5 Nelson's chance to break out.

Denarius Moore

WR, Raiders
Don't be fooled by Moore's slide in April's draft. The rookie has elite talent right now and will hold off Darrius Heyward-Bey for the starting job all year.

Eric Decker

WR, Broncos
Once Eddie Royal gets back from his groin injury in a month or so, he won't have a job. Decker is bigger, stronger and better after the catch.

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Snaps for Jordy Nelson in Week 2, more than Donald Driver or James Jones. Nelson remains an excellent WR3.

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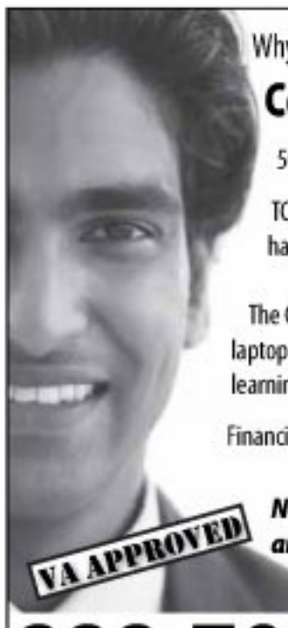

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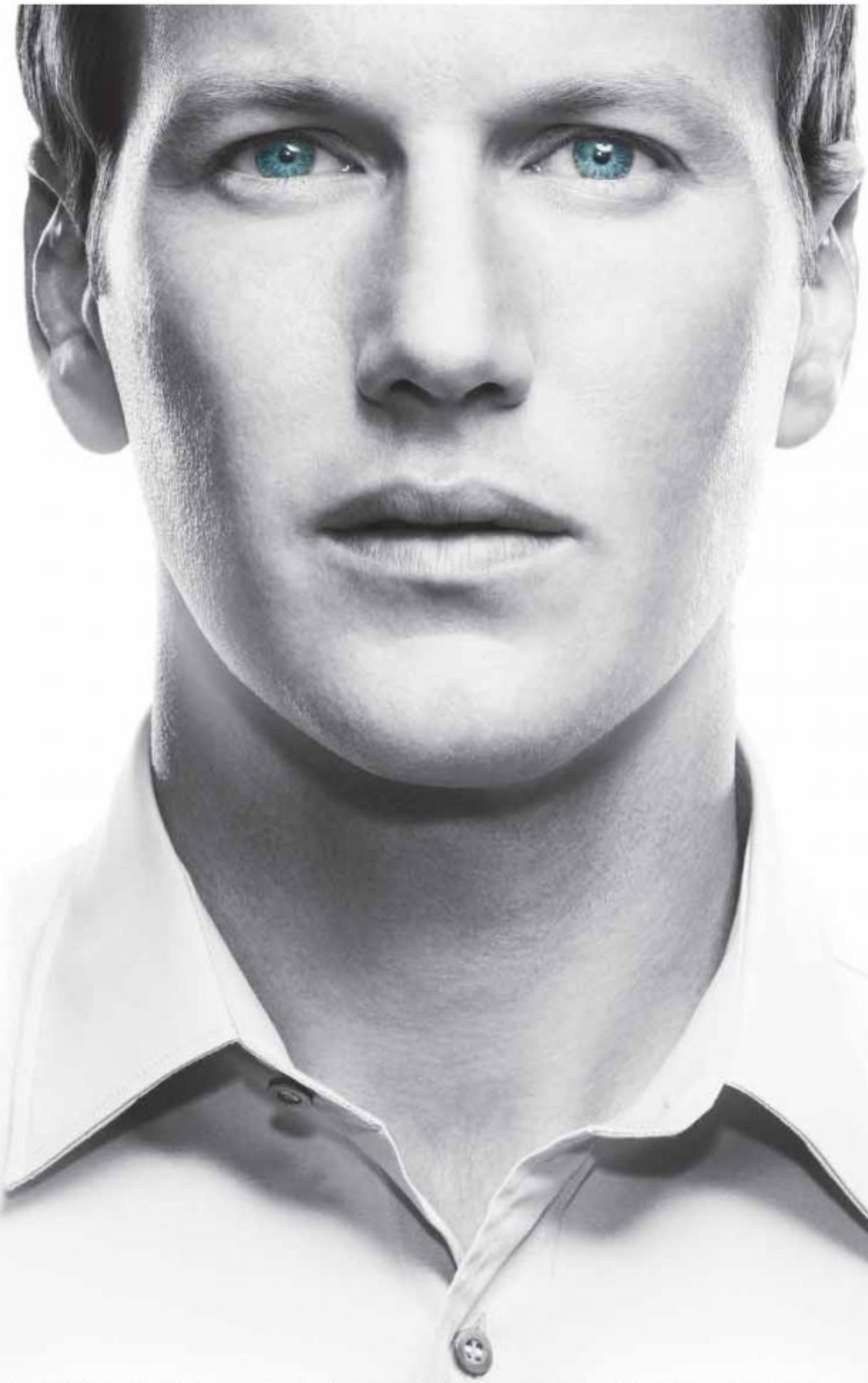

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